

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/862,649, filed May 22, 2001, the specification of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant's have previously canceled claims 1-30; claims 31, 33-35, 38, 40-43, 45, and 47-49 are currently amended; claims 32, 36-37, 39, 44, 46, and 50 are presently canceled; and claims 51-64 are newly added. No new matter has been added in claims 51-64 (or in amended claims 31, 33-35, 38, 40-43, 45, and 47-49). Claim amendments in this supplemental preliminary amendment have not been made in view of any art nor has a first office action been received in this case. Claims 31, 33-35, 38, 40-43, 45, 47-49, and 51-64 are pending in the present application.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 659-9340.

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